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Move-In Day: Teachers Get Helping Hand from City and Foundation
Mayor Reed and San Jose Education Foundation Award First
“Teach Here. Live Here.” Grants to Two San José Teachers

Event: Join two new San José teachers as they move in to their new apartments with financial help through the new **Teach Here. Live Here.** program. This partnership between the City of San José and the San Jose Education Foundation offers grants to new teachers to help with security deposit, first and last month’s rent, and other move-in requirements that can make it difficult to locate in San José.

When: Press Event - Wednesday, July 18, 2007
11:00 a.m. – Remarks and Questions & Answers

Where: The new home of Shirakawa Elementary School second-grade teacher, Rebekah Deering
The Woods – Leasing Office Lawn
4300 The Woods Drive (off of W. Capital and Snell)
San José, CA

Who: Mayor Chuck Reed, City of San José
Muhammed Chaudhry, Executive Director, San Jose Education Foundation
Rebekah Deering, second-grade teacher, Shirakawa Elementary School
Cynthia Calsadillas-Lopez, special education teacher, Foundry Community School

Background: “A great education starts with great teachers. The City of San José is helping attract the best new teachers to our public schools by partnering with the San Jose Education Foundation to help new teachers who want to teach here afford to live here,” said Mayor Chuck Reed. The **Teach Here. Live Here.** program is addressing one of the challenges that local superintendents face in recruiting quality teachers to teach in San José schools. After restarting the Schools/City Collaborative and hearing these concerns, Mayor Reed dedicated \$100,000 in the 2007-08 City budget to fund San Jose Education Foundation’s new **Teach Here. Live Here.** program. The program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to help new teachers rent an apartment or home in San José. For more information about donating or to find out how to apply for a grant, please contact the San Jose Education Foundation at 408- 283-6153 or www.sjefoundation.org.